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Representative Tina Liebling Chair, Health Finance and Policy Committee 477 State Office Building Saint Paul, MN 55155

Dear Chair Liebling and Members of the Committee:

Minnesota Coalition for Family Home Visiting is excited to support HF 4706. We believe these public investments aimed at helping families get a strong start are critical for rebuilding and sustaining Minnesota's future. Below we highlight some key provisions we hope the Committee will support this Legislative Session:

- Support for voluntary Family Home Visiting services for every infant to improve maternal and child outcomes and address the mental health needs of parents, child and families as well as provide continued support for housing, food and employment
- 2. Support **Healthy Beginnings**, **Healthy Families** to increase knowledge and access to early childhood services, address infant mortality and assist children who have justice involved parents.
- Support and sustain Community Solutions Fund for Healthy Child Development to allow community members to identify solutions to managing and address issues and challenges addressing families.
- 4. Support for **lead testing**, **remediation**, **and grants for elevated blood levels** to prevent future harm to young children.

Please join us in supporting HF 4706 to help families get back on track and move forward with a strong, stable start in life.

Thank you,

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